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10a	Welcome to Woofstock (Stage)
10:15a	Blessing of the Animals (Stage)
10:30a	Parade of Adoptable Animals (Stage)
11a	Best Trick or Talent Contest (Stage)
11:30a	Phoenix Area Disc Dog Demo (Demo Arena)
12p	Best Psychedelic Dog Contest (Stage)
12:30p	Parade of Adoptable Dogs (Stage)
1p	Best Looking Dog (Stage)
1:30p	Phoenix Area Disc Dog Demo (Demo Arena)
2p	Tucson Police K9 Unit Demo (Demo Arena)
2:30p	Best Owner/Dog Look-A-Like Contest (Stage)
3p	Dog Races (Demo Arena)
3:45p	Phoenix Area Disc Dog Demo (Demo Arena)

GOING ON ALL DAY:

- Lure Course for Dogs
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The Leader of the Pack Speaks!

Dear Readers,

This is an exciting month for us as it is time for The Tucson Dog's 1st Annual WOOFstock & Adopt-a-thon, Tucson. The event will be held at the Reid Park Bandshell on Sunday, March 10th from 10a-4p and is going to be an awesome day of Peace, Love & Dogs! There will be many lovable dogs up for adoption from lots of shelter and rescue groups looking for their fur-ever home!

I started WOOFstock in Prescott many years ago and it still makes me feel the same way. I feel a deep responsibility to do my very best to bring out all the right people to find loving homes for the shelter and rescue animals that are so deserving. And there are added bonuses throughout the event that provides a fun, safe environment for you and your best friend.

If you are thinking of adding a new four-legged member to your family, please come out to WOOFstock to find one. And, even if you're not going to adopt, you will have plenty of fun at this event with your best friend. It is FREE to attend, but we ask, if you can, please bring a donation to Cody's Friends who donates pet food and critical pet supplies to over 35 human service agencies and over 75 animal rescue groups. Come meet Cody, the awe-inspiring young man who was 10 years old when he decided he wanted to do something to help his community. For a list of needed items, see Cody's Friends ad in this issue.

I want to thank all those who rescue animals and dedicate so much of their lives to helping them. And it gives me great joy when I see the smile on their faces (and sometimes some happy tears) when they find them a loving home. I know how they feel because I used to do this work and it's not always easy.

In our cover story this issue, we deal with a very sensitive but important issue...animal abuse. The Animal Cruelty Task Force (ACT) is the first of its kind in Southern Arizona. While I like to keep things up beat and positive in the magazine, I felt that this topic was important to talk about for several reasons. First, anytime we can make positive changes to protect animals' lives, we need to acknowledge those good works. Second, it is important to know what to do if we see or know about an animal being neglected or abused. I learned a lot from reading this story and I think it will be a help to all of you as well. And last, there are some happy endings which are always good to hear about.

Another outstanding story in this issue is our Dogs In Blue feature about the Tucson Police Department K9 Unit. In it, you will meet Sgt. Paul Sheldon who took over supervision of nine K9 Units last year. He is making lots of positive changes for the teams and is a big believer in Community Outreach. He feels it's important for the citizens to know more about these four-legged officers who "protect and serve" their community.

You can meet some of these K9's when they do a demonstration at WOOFstock on March 10th at Reid Park. (See times on this issue's flyer on page 4) They might even ask for a volunteer to put on the "bite sleeve" and see what it feels like to be apprehended by one of these remarkable officers.

I hope to see you all at the Tucson Dog's 1st Annual WOOFstock & Adopt-a-thon as we are working hard to make this the most fun, spectacular Dog Festival of the year!

Peace, Love & Dogs!

Ann



Greetings from Gracie

Top 7 Reasons to Adopt A Senior Dog

Dear Humans,

As many of you know, WOOFstock is coming up on March 10th and I know there will be some great senior dogs for adoption there. So, I thought it would be a good time to talk about why you should consider adopting a Senior Dog.

1. Older dogs are already trained. Most older dogs are already potty-trained and are past the chewing stage that all puppies go through. They are also already leash trained and ready to enjoy walks with you. Most have previously been in a home and been loved and really long to have that experience again.

2. Adopting an older dog may save its life. Luckily, our shelters in Tucson are fantastic and work really hard getting senior dogs adopted as well as other dogs. Not so in many shelters and when it comes time to make the tough decisions when there is no space left, Seniors are usually the first to be euthanized. So, if you really want to make a difference for a dog who needs a lifeline, please adopt a Senior Dog.

4. You CAN teach an old dog new tricks. Contrary to the popular saying, "You can't teach an old dog new tricks" you absolutely can. They are just as smart as puppies and even have a great attention span which makes them easier to train.

5. Older dogs are calmer than younger dogs. A senior dog has already been around a while and has established its temperament and demeanor so it is easier to tell what they will really be like in your home. They are usually more laid back which means less destruction in your home than a puppy. Many of them do well with young children as they have a lower energy level and have possibly lived with them in their past homes.

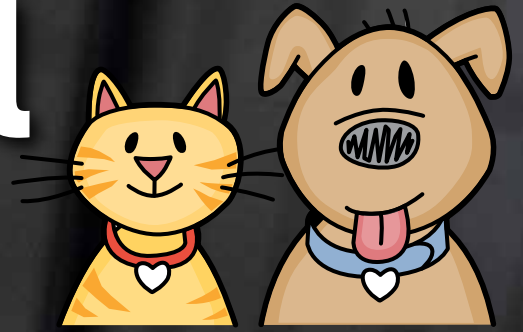
6. Seniors for Seniors is a great match! I have seen puppies returned from older people who cannot handle all the energy and training needed. Many shelters and rescues offer special adoption fees or no fees for a senior human to adopt a senior dog. It's a great fit for both as they are both mature and make great companions for each other.

I hope my tips help you consider adopting a senior dog the next time you are looking to add a new family member....and maybe you will find one at WOOFstock!

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Gracie 

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Pima County Sheriff ACT Detective Robin Crehan and Dog Vanna



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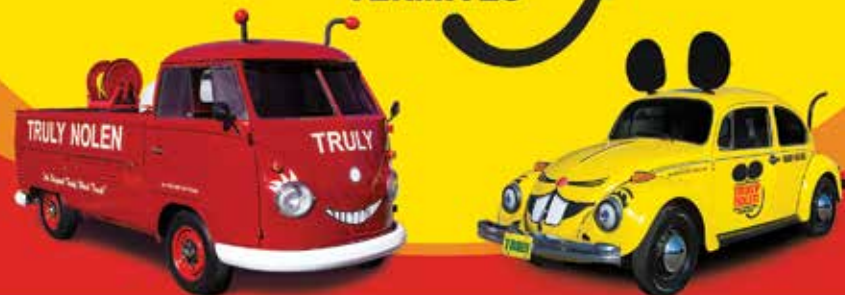
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MARCH

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All proceeds will be used to help homeless animals. Sale will be held in the south parking lot. For additional information: animalministry@umcstmarks.org

Sat. March 2, 10AM-2PM HSSAZ Pups in the Plaza

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Sat. March 2, 10AM-2PM That's so Fetch

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Wed. March 6, 7:30PM The Cat Video Fest @ The Loft

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Sat. March 9 Paws & Pages Literacy Program

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Sun. March 10, 10AM-4PM WOOFSTOCK & Adopt-A-Thon

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Sun. March 24, 3PM Annual Pet Memorial Service (open to the public)

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Sat. March 30, 10AM Hand in Paw Kid's Club- Feral Cat Colonies

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Dogs in Blue; The K9 Beat

Leader of Tucson Police Department K9 Unit Makes Positive Changes

Story by Emily Dieckman Photos by Tucson PD

Tucson Police Department's K-9 Unit focuses on public outreach, an improved facility and a robust social media presence.



Sergeant Paul Sheldon,
supervisor of the Tucson
Police Department's K-9 Unit

When Sgt. Paul Sheldon first became a police officer, he had three goals: to be an undercover cop, to be a canine handler and to be a sergeant.

"K-9 is the cream of the crop," he says. "When the police need help, they call K-9. I wanted to be the guy who was out there hunting for the baddest of the bad."

Sgt. Sheldon has been in the police force for 19 years. He spent just over nine of those years in the Tucson Police Department's K-9 Unit before he was promoted to sergeant and had to switch assignments in 2013. In January 2018, he returned to the K-9 Unit as its supervisor.

In his new position, he performs administrative duties, leads outreach efforts and oversees a team of nine handlers and their dogs. Though he doesn't have a dog himself anymore, his experience in the unit means he's familiar with the work his handlers are doing—and they respect him because he has the on-the-ground experience to accompany his administrative expertise. He keeps so busy with the team that, for the most part, he doesn't miss having his own dog.

"I have nine dogs, is what I tell everybody," he says. "I don't need any more."

The nine German shepherds in the K-9 Unit and their handlers are responsible for tasks like conducting area and building searches for hidden suspects, searching for lost people and protecting officers in potentially dangerous situations. Three of the teams also work in narcotics detection, including Officer Ryan Danaher and his dog Bosco, who have been on the unit for about two years. They went through their training at the same time.



K-9 Bosco and K-9 Luna after pursuing and locating a wanted felony domestic violence suspect, allowing officers to detain him

"I was a new handler, so I was learning along with him, and now he's certified in patrol, he's certified in searching for suspects, searching buildings and narcotic detection certified," Officer Danaher said. "We've been in quite a few dangerous situations together and he's really done well... It's really rewarding to be able to work as a team and catch bad guys."



K-9 Nova taking a snack break after sniffing out a theft suspect who ran from Circle K to hide on the roof of a nearby building

flooring and plan to construct an obstacle course for training purposes. He's also ramped up the unit's social media sites which all the offices run as a team. There, they post photos of the K-9s after taking calls, around the office and even dressed up for Halloween.

"It gives the guys a break from their extremely dangerous, and very real, jobs," he says. "All of us have contributed and posted—even the handlers I wouldn't have thought would participate."

One of the most important parts of the unit's job, Sgt. Sheldon believes, is interacting with the community—showing them exactly who the officers are that have vowed to "protect and serve," and introducing them to the heroic K-9s on the team as well. Last year, they did 65 public demos.



Members of the K-9 unit demonstrate the force of a K-9 jaw at a Salvation Army demonstration, on a volunteer wearing a bite sleeve

One of the unit's next scheduled appearances will be at the Tucson Dog Magazine's first annual WOOFStock & Adopt-A-Thon: a day full of demonstrations, adoptable dogs, Woodstock-themed costume contests for both humans and canines, low-cost vaccinations and microchips and plenty of food trucks. Dogs in the K-9 Unit will run through obstacles, handler and dog teams will visit with people and members of the public can even put on bite sleeves so they can experience a K-9 bite safely for themselves.

Meet Sgt. Sheldon and the rest of the K-9 Unit at WOOFStock from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 10 at the Reid Park bandshell. The event is FREE and the K9 Unit will be doing a demonstration at about 2p.

Another one of Sgt. Sheldon's responsibilities is to hold tactical debriefs any time the dogs and their handlers face an unusual situation—for example, K-9 Ivan lost his life last year to an armed robbery and carjacking suspect in the line of duty. The excitement and meaningful nature of the work go hand-in-hand with the danger.

"That was one of the hardest moments of my entire career," Sgt. Sheldon says. "I'll never forget."

Since he's been in charge, he's started remodeling the warehouse attached to their office, historically used for not only the dog training, but for storage for anyone who needed it. They've added a chain link fence to give the dogs their own separate area, rubber



K-9 Nova is one of the Tucson Police Department's greatest gifts

"The beauty with our unit is that we could send all nine of our dogs out into a crowd of people with no concerns whatsoever, because they're super friendly," he says. "It gives the public a better understanding of what we do. They can see these dogs don't just go out in the middle of the night and look for bad guys, that we can go out on the UA mall and walk our dogs with your dogs."



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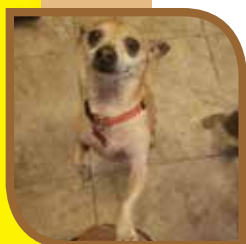
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KANGA I'm loving and attentive. I weigh about 50 lbs., and I think I am part Malinois or other German Shepherd-type, and part Whippet or Greyhound. My favorite thing in the world is long walks or slow jogs with my human. I'm approximately 7 years old, spayed, up to date on shots. I can be a bit shy when meeting new people, but once I trust you; I'm your best friend. I'm kind of picky about dogs, and most likely to get along with a laidback male— aren't most girls? Tucson Cold Wet Noses info@tucsoncoldwetnoses.com or www.tucsoncoldwetnoses.com



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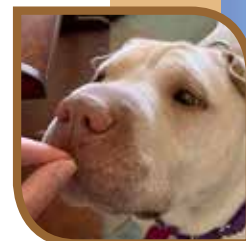
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BIG SEXY I am an 80-pound, gorgeous 18 month-old Bull Mastiff/Shar Pei mix. I need some work on my leash manners, but have been working with a trainer. Haven been given some rules, I'm excelling. I love my crate, and my 2 female Shar Pei mix foster sisters. My size and age might make me best suited for a home with older children. Pei People peipeople.com, or Kim 520-730-5183



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If just one of every five Americans wanting to add a cat or dog to their family in the next year adopted from a shelter, not one single healthy, treatable cat or dog would lose his life in a shelter.

Source: Humane Society of the United States



BEAU I'm a Handsome 6 year-old Blue 'n White; I'm a sweet, happy, healthy boy who's polite and well-mannered. I've been called a Great Companion! I am completely potty and crate-trained. I walk well on a leash, and am always good in the house. I love other dogs; in fact, my best friend is a pretty girl named Nikita. We would both be very happy if we could be adopted together because we are Love Birds. We can be separated too! My girlfriend and I would love to meet you. Smiling Dog Rescue 520-977-8000 or SMILINGDOGRESCUE.COM

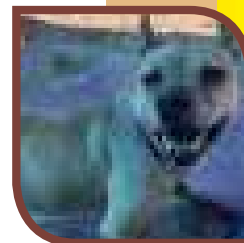


NIKITA I am a polite sweetheart, and a fabulous companion! You can see my tri-colored coat makes me beautiful; what you can't see is that I'm 7 years old, a healthy girl that is mellow, completely house-broken, crate trained, great in the house, great with children and other dogs, too! I walk well on a leash and know basic commands. In short, I'm pretty much perfect! My best friend, BEAU, and I would be very happy to be adopted together, if you want a bonded pair of lovebirds. We can also be separated. Smiling Dog Rescue 520-977-8000 or SMILINGDOGRESCUE.COM



ROMAN Would you mind rubbing my belly while we talk? I am 7 months old and a big, happy puppy. Both my back legs were broken when I was little, and I had to stay quiet for too long. Now I get to run and play and wrestle with the neighbor dog. Wanna play tug-of-war? I am really good at it! Can we go home now, so I can show you?" HOPE Animal Shelter hopeanimalshelter.net or 520-792-9200

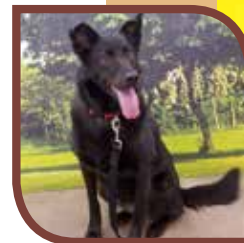
SADIE The most wonderful man adopted me from HOPE Animal Shelter 4 years ago. He was very kind and took me everyday to Udall Park; this special person died, and I came back to HOPE. I am around 10 years old, and get along great with other dogs and cats. I just want a quiet home with a loving person who is home a lot because I can get anxious when by myself. If you have another 4-legged friend, that would be perfect. HOPE Animal Shelter hopeanimalshelter.net or 520-792-9200



MAPLE My name is Maple waiting for juuuust the right home. My person got sick, but my report card shows I'm "the best behaved dog" – as long as I'm the only dog. I'm healthy, mature and am perfectly acclimated to all kids. Adoption includes crate, wellness check-up at our vet, food, and free behavior support for life. PitnProud.com or text 520-255-1696



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Alliance of Therapy Dogs: Certifying Teams to Share the Love

Story by Bonnie Craig

Photos Courtesy of Alliance of Therapy Dogs

It is generally easy to differentiate between the jobs dogs do for humans. For instance, few would fail to see the difference between a search and rescue dog and a herding dog on a farm or ranch. However, more confusion exists around the different roles of therapy and service dogs. According to the Alliance of Therapy Dogs (ATD), service dogs are, "...trained to perform tasks and to do work that eases their handlers' disabilities." While therapy dogs "...provide psychological or physiological therapy to individuals other than their handlers." Therapy dogs are calm and friendly animals, which are encouraged to interact with the public while working, something discouraged in service dogs. Both types of working dogs require testing and training before they can be cleared to go out on the job, and ATD is there to provide this service, not only in Arizona, but across the United States.

Founded in Wyoming in 1990, ATD works with members of the community to test personal companion animals to become therapy dogs, sharing love and comfort with those in need. Therapy dog/handler

teams volunteer in places such as nursing homes, schools, and hospitals, making a difference in the lives of so many people.



**ATA certified Bailey didn't let three
legs keep him from spreading
Christmas cheer at the VA**

Carol Madeheim has plenty of experience bringing animals out into Tucson's community. A former Educational Specialist and School Program Manager for the Arizona-Sonoran Desert Museum, and a program developer for the Sonoran Arthropod Institute, she introduced school and

community groups to many Sonoran native animals such as: hawks, falcons, ringtails, snakes, tarantulas, spiders, and scorpions. While these educationally valuable visitors weren't always the most affectionate, a Chihuahua named Prancer certainly was. Prancer led Carol to work with The Alliance of Therapy Dogs.

Carol has been with ATD since 2009, and has been a Tester/Observer (T/O), evaluating dogs since 2011. Once, she and Prancer visited a woman in assisted living who had stopped eating and drinking. When the woman saw the little dog, she lit up and snuggled Prancer. She then ate and drank, and passed peacefully the next day. Although Prancer has passed on as well, her legacy lives on through Carol's four Chihuahua mixes — all therapy dogs, certified through ATA.

Evaluator Jane Botchie has volunteered with ATA for six years, and has had dogs her, "...entire 66 years on this planet." Jane lost her beloved dog, Max, just prior to her retirement in 2012. While devastated over the loss, she wanted to do something meaningful with her remaining dog, a Brittany Spaniel-Basset Hound mix named Maggie. When she heard about ATD, she began the group's three-part test to determine eligibility. They were quickly certified, but sadly, 13-year-old Maggie passed away before she could begin therapy visits. Three years later, Jane's Rhodesian Ridgeback, Gabby, was certified, and the team began working their magic. Today, the pair visits assisted living, rehab facilities, and an elementary school where kids read to Gabby.



Jane Botchie with Gabby

Carol and Jane have collectively certified 68 teams. There are countless testimonials to their positive impact, including Gabby and Prancer. Jack Palmer and his dog Dasher visit, and go on walks with, doctors and patients at Banner University Medical Center's main campus hospital, Behavioral Health Pavilion, and Cancer Center. They recently met a young child who was being admitted, and his parents, who were devastated. When the child saw Dasher, he brightened and began to play with the dog. His father later told Jack that it was the first time his son smiled in a long time. Likewise, Judy Shephard-Gomez, who visits The Jewish Community Center, elementary



Dasher ready to start his rounds

schools, and assisted living facilities with her dog, Yofi, said, "It brings so much joy to all to work with Yofi in bringing her enthusiastic love and gentleness to others."

Jane Wright works with her neighbor's dog, Lincoln. He belongs to a hard-working family who doesn't have as much time as they would like to spend with him. Jane had the idea to get Lincoln certified through ATD; now, she said, he has "...the best job in the world. Just for a time [the therapy recipients] are able to forget their troubles and be in the moment stroking a silky ear."

Clearly, in the case of Jane and Lincoln's team, there is a win-win-win situation going on, which is the norm with ATD. Anyone can volunteer, and everyone is sure to benefit. Just last spring, Jane certified a blind woman and her third



Yofi spreading good vibes

service and therapy dog; as Jane so aptly points out, "It simply proves that anyone can do anything they truly desire."

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PEANUT I love to love on my human and can't get enough of chin scratches. I'm a playful cat, a good huntress for anything on a string with lots of cuddles to give. I enjoy Netflix evenings or Game of Thrones nights, as you share your couch or bed with me. I'm a little shy at first, especially with strangers, but I warm up quickly. I'd enjoy a relaxing environment and enough time to get used to everything. I lived with three small terriers in my previous foster. SOS Cat Rescue 520-445-3889 or email info@SOScatrescueAZ.org



WILBUR 864783 I am a mellow, affectionate boy who hopes my forever home has a cat tree just for me. I enjoy people talking softly to me and will often talk back. I would prefer to be you're only pet so that I can get all of your love and attention. In the past I have done well with kids. HSSA Main Campus: 635 W. Roger Rd., or call 520-327-6088, ext. 173.



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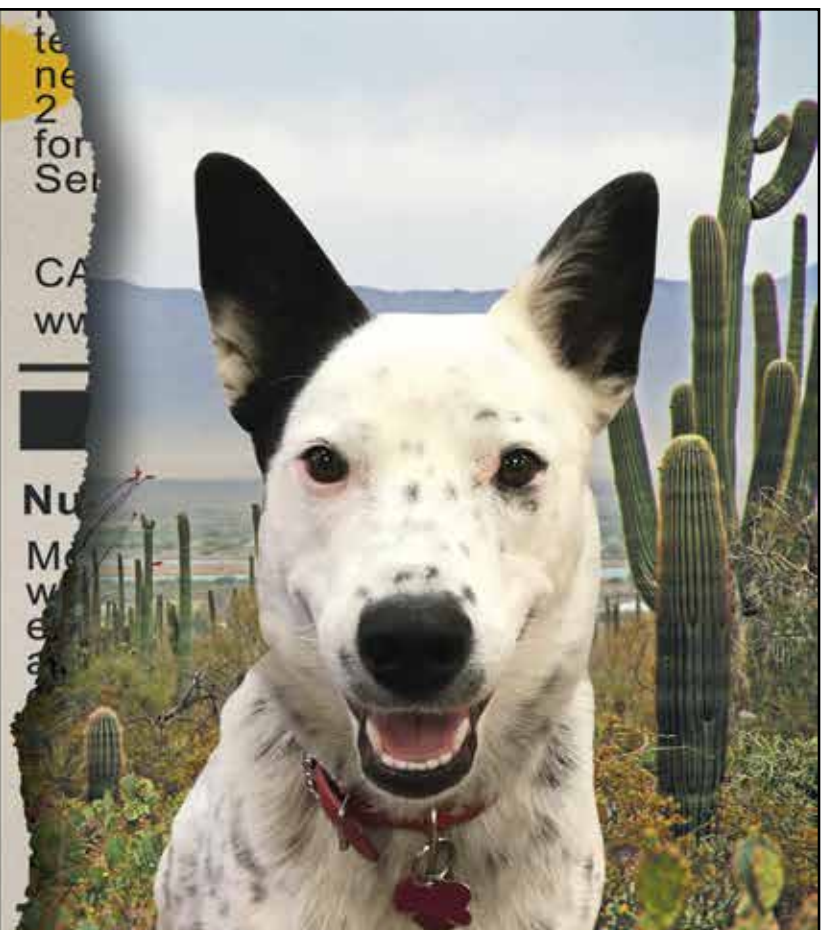
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Kitty Korner

Diabetes = Unconditional Love

Story By Kelli Van Nuys Photos Courtesy of The Hermitage

"Many of the people who rescue these cats are diabetics themselves, because they understand what it's like and they know all of their care needs," Karen Baden, Executive Director of the Hermitage Cat Shelter, said. "They know that diabetes is not a death sentence, and that they deserve a life too."



Rolly

How much would you give to care for your cat? Could you prick her ear for blood twice a day, or give injections to save his life? Pima Animal Care Center (PACC) has made great strides over the last 5 years to improve shelter conditions and policies. PACC's successes are a move toward a no-kill philosophy, providing life and rehabilitation to 90% of dogs and cats that enter their doors. Every animal that sets foot in the shelter now has a better chance at a second life. However, it can be more difficult to attain when they have a life-threatening condition. Diabetic cats, like Rolly, a 16-year-old diabetic owner-surrender, are given a week to find safe placement.

There is no hiding the care needs of diabetic cats – they need ear and paw pricks to take blood glucose, twice-daily insulin injections to regulate blood sugar, and a special diet to limit carbohydrates and increase protein. Without special attention, their health can degrade quickly and lead to more severe conditions. An animal shelter is no place for a diabetic cat to thrive. PACC does the best they can for every cat, but with hundreds needing food, water, medicine, and love, they cannot keep up with the special needs of a diabetic. PACC relies on rescue partners to help find adopters and fosters for these special needs cats, so the cats can get the attention they require.



Caticu at Hermitage

In September 2017, it was clear that Rolly was sick. He nibbled on his food infrequently, with limp coat and weak back legs, while lying in his PACC kennel. The story was the same for Puss'N'Boots, a sweet 13-year-old girl rescued from euthanasia, and Caticu, a loving Russian Blue who got his name at Hermitage Cat Shelter. Every one of these cats never gave up hope for a new life.



Puss'N'Boots

With daily care needs, diabetic cats are costly. Insulin can be over \$100 per month, and there are insulin needles and tools to prick the cat's ear. Special in-home glucose test kits are necessary for long-term diabetics and cost at least \$40. Diabetic cats must be on a special diet, which sometimes requires prescription Science Diet Diabetic Management (DM). These needs, along with frequent vet visits, mean



Diabetic Kit

long as there was cat food in front of him, Rolly did not fight his ear pricks or insulin injections. After 3 months of Diabetic Management (DM) food, he switched to other low-carbohydrate canned foods. He gained weight quickly; after six months in his new home, he was a healthy, happy cat.

The Hermitage Cat Shelter offers a solution for those worried about the costs: the life-saving option called The Lease-for-Life program. The program allows interested families to "adopt" a special needs cat, paying minimal costs for the cat's medical needs.

The Hermitage has a special Diabetic and Weight Management room, where Caticu and Puss'N'Boots spend their days. They have an indoor space with plenty of cat trees, cubbies, beds, and hiding spots, as well as a private "catio" to safely go outside and feel the fresh air. Though Caticu and 'Boots both have these amazing accommodations, Hermitage's Director, Karen Baden, emphasizes they still need their own home. "Even the cats doing good here do so much better in a home," she said. "They thrive with the individual attention and love."

Diabetic cats are a blessing. A special bond of love and trust is built when their new family nurses them back to health; in many cases, they support their people by fighting medical troubles alongside them. A child with diabetes can look at their diabetic cat and understand the importance of the insulin shots and doctor visits. Everyday, the rescue family will watch their cat battle a chronic illness, while living her life with no worry in the world. Any family struggling with medical or mental illness may benefit from having a cat to look after and care for; they will receive unconditional love in return.



Hermitage Cat Shelter and Sanctuary

Please consider saving a diabetic cat from PACC, or reaching out to local rescues like The Hermitage Cat Shelter to foster, adopt, or donate.

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a diabetic cat can cost more than \$1,000 per year.

But is it really that bad? The short answer is: no.

Rolly received generous donations, called pledges, from the community to save his life. Pledges covered the cost of his initial vet visit and a cat glucose-monitoring system. As

Cover Story: Animal Cruelty Taskforce

Story by Claire Sheridan Photos Courtesy ACT Det. Robin Crehan, PCSO

"Only by courageously opening to the sorrow of the world as it is can we find our freedom." -Jack Kornfield

The Animal Cruelty Taskforce of Southern Arizona (ACT) was formed in preparation for the passing of the Animal Cruelty Act in 1999. The Taskforce provides a forum for professionals to come together and discuss these unique and often complex crimes against animals. ACT's ultimate goal is to improve the lives of animals by conducting thorough investigations to uphold animal protection laws.

According to Arizona Revised Statute §13-2910, cruelty to animals includes: cruel neglect, abandonment, failure to provide medical attention, the infliction of unnecessary physical injury, cruel mistreatment, killing an animal owned by someone else without the owner's consent, interfering with, killing, or harming a working or service animal, depriving a service animal's handler of the service animal, and leaving an animal unattended and confined in a motor vehicle where physical injury to, or death of, the animal is likely to result.¹

The first taskforce of its kind in Arizona, members of ACT are represented by law enforcement (including the Tucson Police, Sahuarita Police, Oro Valley Police, and Pima County Sheriff), adult and juvenile probation, Pima Animal Care

Center, Humane Society of Southern Arizona, Pima County Attorney's Office and the state's department of Livestock, Game & Fish. There are several wildlife, equine and companion animal veterinarians among the ranks of ACT. This multidisciplinary approach allows the ACT team to staff for individual cases and tap into the vast array of professional wisdom its members bring to the table.

Signs of Abuse: Obvious & Under Cover

Sometimes the abuse of an animal is very clear. In one case, a Pima County Sheriff's detective



Dog Victim was thrown into cacti

responded to a report of a small dog being thrown into cholla cactus. Upon arrival at the scene, the detective discovered a small dog, with cactus segments still embedded in her hindquarters. The alleged perpetrator was arrested on the spot.

Other times, the abuse might be well hidden from the untrained eye. Fortunately, veterinarians like those at Pima Animal



Veterinarian at PACC looks for injuries by shaving animal's fur

Care Center, can aid in law enforcement investigations through physical examination of animals where abuse is suspected. Using techniques such as shaving fur, bruising and other evidence of injuries can be uncovered.

Law enforcement officers often rely on eye-witness reports in combination with findings of injuries from veterinary examination. The incident involving the dog was called into the



Dog named Jetta was saved from abuse by the intervention of bystanders

police by bystanders who intervened to stop the owner from abusing it. Law enforcement and Animal Protection Officers removed the dog from its owner's care, and was taken to Pima Animal Care Center for assessment of its injuries.

The People Behind ACT

Animal Cruelty Investigator Mike Duffey is the co-founder of ACT. By the time Duffey retired after 34 years working at the Pima County Sheriff's Department, he had become the PCSO's go-to person and primary animal cruelty detective. Duffey has continued this work in the private sector as the Humane Society's Animal Cruelty Investigator. In addition to directly investigating incidents of animal cruelty, Duffey, along with other members of ACT, provides education to the public and

conducts trainings for law enforcement throughout Arizona and around the country.

All of this work is in keeping with the Taskforce's mission, which is: "to enhance the enforcement of laws that protect animals from harm; to train additional law enforcement personnel on these laws and investigative techniques for better enforcement; and to provide education to the public on animal cruelty."

Complex Cases: It Takes a Village to Save 3 Arthurian Legends

In August of 2016, members of ACT were called upon to assist in Graham County. In Graham County, a rural place northeast of Tucson, animal cruelty cases were not previously prosecuted. Three dogs at Graham County Animal Control had been found tied in the desert where they had apparently been left to die; they were later dubbed Lancelot, Guinevere, and Arthur. Guinevere was emaciated to almost skin and bone. Lancelot suffered minor injuries and Arthur had significant injuries to his ear and head, along with a crushed hip.

Thanks to the efforts of ACT partners, including the Humane Society of Southern Arizona (where all three dogs were taken for treatment and recovery), evidence including photos and medical records were gathered and preserved. The dogs' owner was charged and pled guilty. As part of the conditions of her plea agreement, she was required to surrender the ownership of all animals in her care and was banned from owning animals for the duration of her 24-month community supervision. The expert support of the ACT team made this happen.



Guinevere



Arthur



Lancelot

Brings Justice for Animals

Animal Welfare Court

Pima County has the first and one of the only courts dedicated to animal crime in the country, co-developed by presiding Judge Maria Felix. The Animal Welfare specialty court is a prime example of the importance Pima County places on the wellbeing of animals. Because animal cruelty cases are often misdemeanors, in many jurisdictions cases do not receive much attention in the court system. However, studies suggest that violent acts against animals may be indicative of an individual's propensity to commit future violent acts. The Animal Welfare Court has the ability to impose alternative sentences, which allow an abuser to obtain education or mental health treatment. First-time offenders may receive sentences that involve enhanced community supervision instead of jail time.

ACE-ing Out Animal Cruelty through Education

The Animal Cruelty Taskforce is headquartered in, and supported by the work of the Humane Society of Southern Arizona (HSSAZ). The organizations work in conjunction to develop public outreach agendas. General educational programs about the care and treatment of animals, including the prevention of animal cruelty, are available for adults and kids.

HSSAZ and ACT also collaborate to develop court-ordered classes for adults who have been charged with or convicted of crimes against animals. Offered several times a year, Animal Cruelty Education Classes (ACE) are 90 minutes in duration. The goal is for students to learn better ways of addressing animals' needs. ACE classes are helpful for both attendees as well as for law enforcement officers. Similar to attending traffic school for a speeding ticket, attendees may have their offense dropped.

Because ACE participants are educated about specifics of neglect and abuse, in the event that a participant commits a future infraction, it can clearly be demonstrated that the person knew that what they were doing was illegal. This is one hurdle prosecutors must overcome in proving guilt in these cases.

Of course, the ultimate goal is the safety of all animals through the prevention of cruelty. However, according to Investigator Duffey, who has been qualified as an expert by the court, the recidivism rate for offenses against animals is extremely high. In the event that the ACE class does not change the behavior, it will help lead to harsher criminal penalties for subsequent offenses.

2019 ACE classes will be held at the Humane Society on April 13, August 10, October 12 and December 14. For more information, contact Stephanie Gary at sgary@hssaz.org or (520) 321-3704, Ext. 125.

Happy Endings Help Morale

Although the members of ACT are exposed to many sad and terrible images and stories, there are also happy endings. One of these happy ending stories is our cover dog, Vanna. Vanna and her sister were abandoned at the Humane Society after hours. Her ear was missing; ACT suspected that the dogs may have been used as fighting bait dogs. Vanna's sister was adopted relatively quickly. Although Vanna is very sweet, it seemed her missing ear was holding her back. She was often overlooked during her stay at the Humane Society. Fortunately, thanks to the efforts of HSSAZ, Vanna found her forever home in the Catalina Foothills with a kind human who fell in love with Vanna at first sight.

The Tucson Dog thanks the dedicated members of the Animal Cruelty Taskforce for their courage and kindness in bearing witness to the suffering of animals

in our community. Their love of animals and their commitment to improving animals' lives is a perfect example of the strength of the human-animal bond.

There are several upcoming opportunities to interact with the Animal Cruelty Taskforce. You can visit them at their booth at The Tucson Dog Magazine's WOOFstock & Adopt-a-Thon on Sunday, March 10 from 10AM-4PM. Additionally, ACT will host the HSSAZ's monthly adult educational SPEEK lecture entitled, "Paws & the Laws," on Thursday April 4 at 5PM at the HSSAZ Main Campus. In this lecture, you can learn more about pets and the laws that protect them. The presentation will include information about how you can identify a pet in need, and will provide tips on how to respond. Your **ACT**ion can be the difference between life and death for a pet in an unsafe situation!

For additional information about the Animal Cruelty Task Force of Southern Arizona, visit them at: www.act-az.org or Facebook at www.facebook.com/actsaz.

Signs of abuse or neglect include:

- Bodily injury (sores, cuts, bruises)
- Patchy fur or bare patches of skin
- Tick or flea infestation
- Extreme thinness
- Limping, favoring a limb, or inability to walk
- Dogs left alone outside without food, water or shelter
- Dogs tied out in someone's yard (illegal in Pima County)
- Dogs kept outside during extreme weather without shelter
- A large number of dogs or cats in the house
- A dog that cowers or acts aggressively around the owner
- Pets left in parked cars (during hot weather)

When you witness an act of animal cruelty **CALL 911**. It is important to report the crime quickly, from the area where it occurred. When making your call, it is helpful to know who, what, where, why, when and how. Under most circumstances, 911 will require you to leave your contact information. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact 88-CRIME or the Animal Cruelty Taskforce Public Reporting Line, **but the response will not be immediate.**

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Remember: In an animal emergency, CALL 911. You can make the difference between life and death for an animal that cannot speak for itself.

¹ <https://www.azleg.gov/ars/13/02910.htm>

² For additional information, see the 2018 National Sheriff's Association report, "Animal Cruelty As A Gateway Crime," which may be accessed online at: https://www.sheriffs.org/publications/e071818886AnimalCruelty_v10_508.pdf



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Special Feature

Arizona Region SHOCK-FREE COALITION www.ShockFree.org

By Kim Silver, Arizona Regional Coordinator of The Shock-Free Coalition

Twelve countries have, in whole or part, banned the use of shock collars, which are alternatively marketed as e-collars, training collars, e-touch, stimulation, TENS unit, and remote trainers.^{1,2} A vast number of warnings from the veterinary community about the harm these devices pose when used on companion animals have informed these bans.

The British Veterinary Association and the British Small Animal Veterinary Association both recommend “against the use of electronic shock collars and other aversive methods for the training and containment of animals,” and state that shocks “and other aversive stimuli received during training may not only be acutely stressful, painful and frightening for the animals, but may also produce long-term adverse effects on behavioural and emotional responses.”³

Despite a growing body of scientific research, and warnings from the veterinary community, shock collars remain legal in the United States. They are readily available at just about every national pet retailer in the country.⁴



Arizonans who have signed the Shock-Free Pledge

reached when shock tools and equipment are universally unavailable and not permitted for use on pets.

The Shock-Free Coalition asserts that pets have intrinsic rights: to be treated humanely; to have each of their individual needs met; and to live in a safe, enriched environment free from force, pain, and fear. It is the responsibility and utmost obligation of members of The Shock-Free Coalition to be vigilant, to educate, to remain engaged, and work to eliminate shock as a permissible tool, so that it is never considered a viable option in the training, management, and care of pets.⁵

Transparency for Pet Owners

A common misconception is that the more problematic a dog's behavior, the more severe the training method must be to resolve the problem. Shock collars can worsen problem behaviors, or create new behaviors that did not exist prior to training. The collars may also give owners a false sense of control over the problem behavior.

Psychology professor Dr. Susan Friedman said, “Punishment doesn't teach learners what to do instead of the problem behavior. Punishment doesn't teach

caregivers how to teach alternative behaviors. Punishment is really two aversive events – the onset of a punishing stimulus and the forfeiture of the reinforcer that has maintained the problem behavior in the past.”⁶

In order for a problem behavior to reduce in frequency, the initial aversive stimulus (i.e. the shock) needs to be significant. Owners may subsequently use the shock on low level or vibrate. However, using this method, many dogs suppress the problem behavior to avoid the shock, which the owner misinterprets as the dog having been trained not to perform the unwanted behavior. Unfortunately, this can lead to the dog failing to perform many behaviors; in essence the dog will “shut down,” which is a phenomenon known as “learned helplessness.”⁷

Scientific research clearly demonstrates that electric shock causes both physical and psychological damage to pets. Because highly effective, positive, humane training alternatives exist, there is no reason whatsoever for shock to play a part in the pet industry's culture of accepted practices, tools, or philosophies. Unfortunately, pet owners are often unaware of the massive disparity in methods used by trainers and pet professionals; owners only find out when they are left to deal with the fallout, which includes the risk of more fearful or aggressive behavior.^{3, 6, 7}

Seeking Behavioral Help

Countless professional organizations and experts condemn physical punishment. Instead, pet owners are urged to seek professionals who advocate for, and practice, reward-based positive behavior modification.

“Pet Professional Guild holds that desensitization and counterconditioning are the only ethical and effective paradigms ... to treat aggression in pets. Protocols such as these help positively impact the pet's emotional state from one of fear and anxiety to one that is more happy and relaxed, and thus able to learn new behaviors.”⁴

“...[S]cientific literature recommends the use of food as a reinforcer in desensitization and counterconditioning protocols that are specifically aimed at addressing ... fear and anxiety. ... [U]sing food to counter condition emotional responses is the most widely accepted method for treating fear-based behaviors.”^{4, 8}

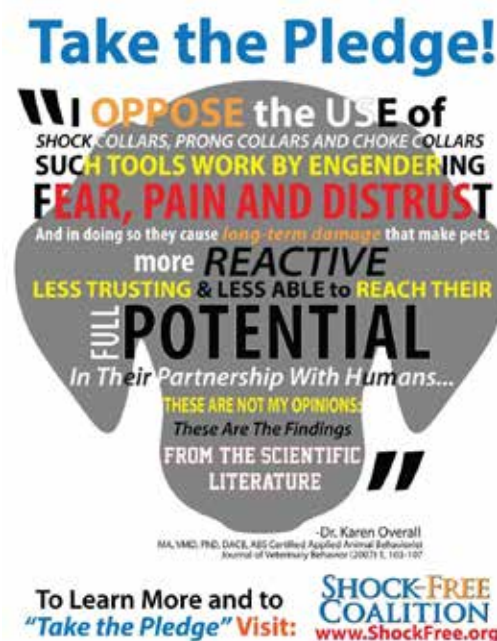
As Regional Coordinator for The Shock-Free Coalition, I look forward to helping pet owners understand the risks of aversive training devices, such as shock collars. It is my goal to guide owners toward more effective, evidence-based alternatives, and thereby improve the lives of pets and their owners throughout Arizona.

Contact Kim Silver, Arizona Regional Coordinator of The Shock-Free Coalition at: info@buildingbondstraining.com

Sign the Shock-Free pledge at: shockfree.org

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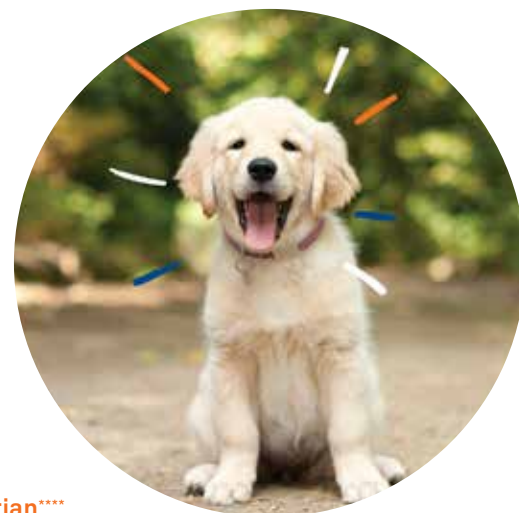
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Special Feature

Puttin' On The Dog: Poker and Pooches

Story by Emily Dieckman



Beyond Bread proudly representing as a sponsor for the Humane Society's biggest fundraiser of the year.

The Humane Society celebrates 21 years of its Puttin' on the Dog fundraiser.

There are few things so pleasant as an evening beneath the stars full of games, activities and live music, especially when said gala is a fundraiser for a good cause. The only problem with fancy galas is that dog-loving

their dogs on site or their dogs waiting for them back home.

All of the event's profits benefit the Humane Society of Southern Arizona. Proceeds from ticket sales, the live auction, the silent auction and sponsorships go to the organization's general fund, to cover the costs of everything from adoptions to pet food, to spaying and neutering fees, to electricity for the building. There's also a portion of the night where the auctioneer and Humane Society volunteers make direct asks of the patrons. Like last year, they'll be asking specifically for donations to the Second Chance Medical Fund, which pays for specialized surgeries for dogs, such as amputations, eye removals and tumor removals.



A guest at Puttin' on the Dog 2018 snuggles with her dog

patrons have to spend the evening away from their four-legged best friends. Not so at Puttin' on the Dog, the Humane Society's largest fundraiser of the year, coming up on Saturday, April 6 at the Kino Sports Complex, 2805 E. Ajo Way.

In honor of the event's 21st year, the event's theme will be "Canine Casino Royale," and will feature a casino charity event, with the chance to play blackjack, craps, roulette and slot machines.

"In dollar amounts, it's the largest fundraiser of the year," said Randy Peterson, director of development for the Humane Society of Southern Arizona. "Last year about 650 people attended, and after expenses, it raised about \$240,000 to \$250,000."

Patrons can enjoy live music from local bands, a bar and food samplings from about 25 area restaurants. Last year's event included a photo booth and a live art painting, where patrons got to watch an artist create a piece that was later auctioned off.



Auctioneer Bobby D of Call to Auction gets the crowd excited and the donations flowing

"These are the sorts of things that, maybe 10 years ago, when we didn't have the money to do these things, would have meant a pet would have been euthanized," Peterson said. "Now, we have the opportunity to save even more pets."

Surgeries funded by the Second Chance Fund cost an average of about \$1,000, but prices can vary. For example, one dog in the shelter's care has already had corrective hip surgery will need several more surgeries, totaling around \$15,000 over the course of about a year. Another dog, named Gabby, has had some special surgeries and will need to take medicine for life.

"The Second Chance Fund is going to make it possible for the family that eventually adopts Gabby to fill that prescription for free for the first year," Peterson said.

His favorite part of the night: The live auction.

Last year's prizes included a vacation package to see U2 in Las Vegas, with a hotel, limo ride and a meal, which went for \$7,000. The most talked-about prize of the night was the chance to have your pet star in the Humane Society's television commercial. The commercial, set to air during last year's Superbowl, garnered about \$10,000 according to Peterson.

"The auctioneer Bobby D brings high energy – he's really exciting and really fun," Peterson said. "He really gets to know the audience and builds on their enthusiasm for the Humane Society."

Tickets for Puttin' on the Dog are \$135, or \$250 for a VIP ticket. To purchase them, and for more information, visit: www.hssaz.org/pod.



A Humane Society foster puppy takes a break from the festivities

"Puttin' on the Dog is probably my favorite event hosted by the Humane Society,

because it's a great opportunity to have fun with other animal lovers while raising money for at-risk pets," said Ashlee Musselman, a community member who attended the event last year.

Everyone is, of course, responsible for their own dogs, but there's also a "doggie parking area" where trained volunteers can watch guests' dogs while the guests are getting their food or eating. Dogs will enjoy a "biscuit buffet," where guests can pay one price to create a "doggie bag of dog treats," either for



Katie Vargas of the musical group Dos Sueños performing at last year's Puttin' on the Dog

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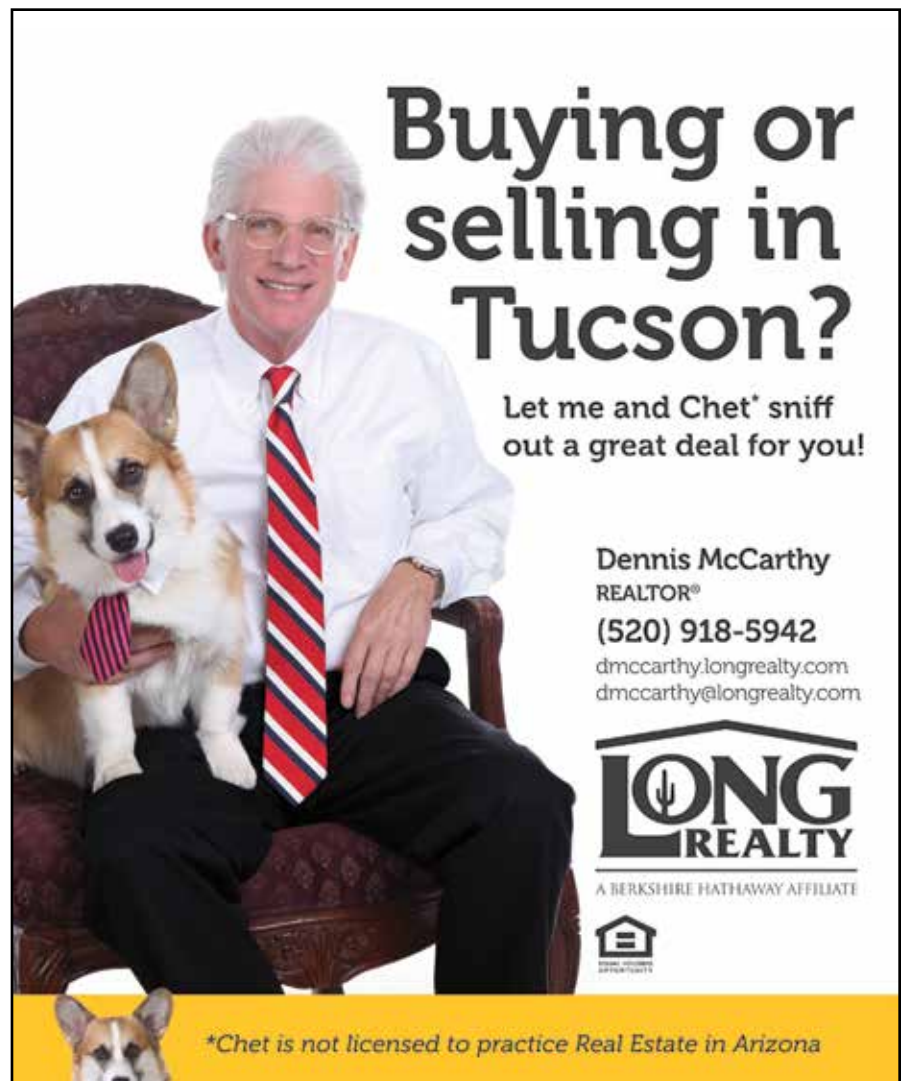
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Kids and Animals

Kids Lending a Helping Paw

Story by Bella Wexler - Photos from Humane Society of Southern Arizona

The Humane Society of Southern Arizona has long been devoted to engaging the local community in animal welfare advocacy. One of their most beneficial programs to promote the continuity of this tradition



is the Hand in Paw Kids Club; a chance for children to make treasured memories with four legged friends while developing skills as future leaders for pets and people alike.

The Kids Club has been growing and evolving for nearly twenty years

and is currently run by Amy Faulk, the Children's Programs Coordinator at the Humane Society of Southern Arizona. Faulk is also helped by Inge Koopman-Leyva, the Director of Education and Community Outreach, as well as occasional volunteers for special events. Together, they ensure the program's purpose of educating children ages six through eleven about caring for animals properly with fun, engaging activities. For example, at the Kids Club Vet Talk, participants learned how to be responsible pet owners, understand the basic anatomy of their pets, and make sense of standard veterinary procedures from a local vet. Another popular Kids Club event is the frequent Movie and a Cuddle which gives parents time to relax while their kids watch movies, do crafts, have a nutritious



dinner, and snuggle up with therapy dogs. Promoting socialization skills in both kids and animals is an integral theme of the Hand in Paw Kids Club. When children aren't spending time with therapy dogs, the club provides opportunities to read to Humane Society animals in the sick wards. This improves the kids' reading confidence while giving those pets some much deserved attention which they might not otherwise get. "I want to make sure that all the animals get read to," one young boy said to Amy when he elected to read to the cats as well. Undoubtedly, the expansive nature of the Hand in Paw Kids Club gives all children the opportunity to engage in activities which interest them personally while strengthening the human-animal community.

The Humane Society also provides opportunities for youths who have aged out of the Kids Club to have an outlet for involvement with the

animal rights community. The next step for passionate kids is to take on the Humane Society Hand in Paw Youth Internship in which participants ages twelve through seventeen continue to make a difference in the animal rescue community. This program effectively fulfills the need for productive teen involvement, especially for those who are too old for the Kids Club and too young to become official volunteers for the Humane Society. Adolescents learn important skills for handling people as well as animals because they also act as mentors for the younger Kids Club participants. Through the Humane Society of Southern Arizona's many programs tailored to each age level, it is evident that compassion is something which can't be outgrown.

The tireless efforts of Amy Faulk and Inge Koopman-Leyva to maintain these programs most definitely pays off. After participating, kids are found to have developed a deeper empathy for animals which transfers to their treatment of human peers too. Members are given an environment to discover and explore their passions for animals which lead into future career paths. I, myself was a participant in the SA Humane Society summer camp and can definitely affirm that the experiences are memorable and the lessons are lifelong. The Humane Society is all about combating animal cruelty and building a more considerate world for people and pets. "We want to put ourselves out of business," Koopman-Leyva says. Through their remarkable Hand in Paw Kids Club and Internship, they



are effectively raising a new generation of changemakers to do just that.

That being said, it is also never too late to teach an old dog new tricks! The Kids Club also inspires parents of participants to get involved and become educated on the ways in which they can be responsible pet

owners. The Humane Society hosts a plethora of special events geared towards teaching adults necessary skills and giving them the opportunity to contribute by volunteering or donating.

In the future, Faulk and Koopman-Leyva hope that the Hand in Paw Kids Club will continue to evolve. One of their many goals is to structure the program to form series of educational events that pivot around central themes which are broken down over the course of several weeks. This way, members can go further in depth with their learning in a bite-sized yet retainable way. The Humane Society of Southern Arizona's Hand in Paw Kids Club has been a staple in building the human and animal connection in the Tucson community for close to twenty years already. Now, coordinators like Amy Faulk and Inge Koopman-Leyva have proven that this adaptive initiative is more than just an extracurricular activity; it is a family that learns and grows along with its participants to create a more accepting world for all walks of life.

To find out more information or get involved with the Humane Society of Southern Arizona's Kids Club, contact Amy Faulk at afaulk@hssaz.org or 520-327-6088, ext. 171

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Health and Wellness

Rescue, Rehab & Foster TIPS!

By Dr. Lisa S. Newman, Ph.D

Next to a life-long, loving companion, nothing is more rewarding than fostering animals from local Rescue Groups. You might have room for temporary souls – even with beloved companions at home, and in your heart — cuddle-bunnies, parrot, ‘horse’ing around buddy, obedient dog, loyal cat? ‘Rescues’ have brought much love to our home, taught me about the healing power of holistic and allopathic care, plus navigating worlds of foster to adopting-out animals in need, into their fur’ever homes!

Some approaches proven helpful in maintaining stress-free, healthy environments for organizations as big as Best Friends Animal Sanctuary®, yet small as PACC volunteers’ homes may help you.

“Individual cases of abuse, neglect, injury or illness must be quickly addressed cost-effectively, without additional veterinarian care if possible. Consider what else might help you, help animals, help themselves to wellness.”

– Dr. Lisa S. Newman, Ph.D.

Soft Talk Radio & Rock Music is best. Studies show Classical Music, plus I’ve had great success with ‘Soft’ Rock Music, 24/7: helps Mares delivered foals easier, rescues rehabilitate quicker (deeper). I’ve also had less fighting introducing others to new coop mates.

Color Therapy promotes noted changes when lighting areas with colors for specific needs. Painting, even bathing rooms in a ‘relaxing color,’ reduces overall stress. Color used in corners of surgery suites, kennels, cages or stalls have the inhabitant often seek that specific light to bathe in! Once animals have ‘benefited’ they no longer seek lighted area! We’ve had too many successful cases, initially unresponsive to medications, behavioral modification, physical therapy, etc., with a few days of colored lights animals (even suffering for years) turned themselves around.

Color therapy is easy. Clip-on lamps with colored bulbs bathe the kennel or corner of a stall for individuals. Be careful not to get lamps too close to animals as it may burn them, and be aware electrical cord placement to avoid injury. Cover ceiling fixtures with specific color to energize rooms with light.

Unfortunately I’ve witnessed more illness and behavioral issues in animals lodged in rooms / stables / warehouse having only Florissant fixtures. Even short visits of these types of lights can wreak havoc on the eyes>nervous system; increasing stress levels, vocalizations, depression, and degenerative issues – leading to decreased immune function – especially lights kept on all night.

Five Colors best for issues facing rescued/injured animals:

- 1. YELLOW** – Reduces overall anxiety. Great for animals suffering a general lack of trust. Fearful reactions, nervousness and depression resulting from the question “Who am I?!” Yellow promotes sense of enthusiasm, courage and willpower for improving physically or emotionally. Stimulates. Uplifts and improves animal’s mental clarity for easier adjustment to their situation. Happy-Happy! Recommended as a primary room paint color with yellow-tinted overhead room lights. Stimulates digestion and elimination.
- 2. ORANGE** – “Where & how do I fit in?” – is answered with Orange. Helpful in treating abandoned animals suffering (even years later) ‘shock and trauma’ of their fate. May be depressed or ill, even stubborn about recovery or adjusting to new environments. This ‘social’ color transforms relationships keeping kennel/stall mates comfortable and at peace. Increasing their willingness to belong, means bliss!
- 3. BLUE** – Separation anxiety feeds a loss of faith, depressing the animal both physically and emotionally. Withdrawal is common in these animals feeling ‘blue’, bathing them in soft blue light quickly helps turn them around! Great paint color for recovery rooms, offers emotional support to animals with distrust of people, disrespect or fear authority (such as pack leader, trainer or vet) – so the curative process can proceed successfully.
- 4. VIOLET** – Standard color for animals gripped by grief, self-pity and insecurity leading to behavioral problems involving ‘hidden’ anger. This is the cat who lets you scratch their back, enjoys it, yet in the end bites or claws you. Horses who, with ears up, will still buck. Violet is excellent for feather-pickers/self-mutilators and dogs who hide great distress behind a wagging tail, often diagnosed as ‘fear-aggressive’. These behaviors stem from abandonment or loss of some kind that are unresolved. Violet promotes inner calmness, emotional peace while transforming the mind of previously negative anxiety-ridden attitudes.
- 5. GREEN** – Able to give and receive love freely. To live in harmony with self-acceptance/confidence, is the outcome of green color therapy. Often animals benefiting from this color are ‘self-doubting’. They’ve been shown what to do, taught the same command consistently, or followed the same schedule for months; these rescues have trouble going with the flow of things and often revert back to previous behavior – as if they never knew it to begin with! It’s difficult enough settling these charges into temporary shelters, let alone be ready for adoption. Green stimulates all means of physical or emotional regeneration of sound mental judgment, is also the builder of self-acceptance and self-love, necessary for the development of trust.

Special Feature

Poems Written by Our Readers

Black Lab – Bruno Rescigna

The moment we stir he is at our bedside.
His large body wiggles, the tail swings widely with excitement.
The sun hasn't risen, yet he's already
in love with the new day.
He will make noise until we get up, then
lead us to the living room serenading us
with a squeak toy.

As he sashays down the hall ahead of us,
the thick black tail bangs the walls and closet doors
like a drum announcing our arrival.
His exuberance, his utter joy swings his hips back and forth.
The parade over, he goes from one to the other
or petting, hugging, and love.

I bring him a bowl of dog food and he
reacts with surprise and delight,
further proof to him of how great this day will be.
After his breakfast, he brings me a tennis ball which I roll down the hall.
We do this several times before he tires of capturing the fleeing ball
and collapses on his bed for a nap.
The house quiets and we are finally allowed to drink our coffee and read the paper.
Some mornings, cranky with fatigue, I tell him that if he doesn't
leave me alone I will cook him for dinner,
but he looks at me with the most trusting eyes God ever made
and I know that I will be in the parade tomorrow morning.

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A Dog's Compromise – Kathleen Roberts

I once roamed freely,
scavenged the delicious rot
of garbage dumps,
stalked cats for their marvelous
droppings, pennies from heaven.
Now I am owned, rescued,
beg for what I once took,
sitting at their feet,
the dark stars of my eyes willing
a morsel to come my way.
I searched for an opening,
a way back to my unbound life,
and I RAN
– once, then twice –
but my edge was gone,
street cred lost,
cunning had turned to eagerness
for soft hands, kind words,
the sound of kibble in my bowl.
Late at night, I sometimes get hungry
for a taste of that wildness.
When I hear the neighbor's cat
scratch her tasty brown coins into the dirt,
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and feast,
having my cake and eating it too.



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Founded in 2010 by then-10-year-old Cody Allen, Cody's Friends is a 501(c)3 organization that provides donated pet food and critical pet supplies to over 35 human service agencies, and over 75 animal rescue groups. Recipients include: Meals on Wheels, the Community Food Banks, the Tucson Fire Department, Pima Animal Care Center, The Hermitage Cat Shelter & Sanctuary, and many more. All donations are tax deductible. Cody's Friends helps save the lives of thousands of animals right here in Pima County every day.

Horsin' Around



Rescue Takes All Kinds: HoofsnHorns Farm Sanctuary

Story By Kelli Van Nuys Photos Courtesy of HoofsnHorns



Kai the Great Pyrenees Protector

for taking care of each and every rescue is clear as she talks about the lives and rescue stories for each horse, cow, pig, goat, dog, cat, and bird in her care. They earn a new name at her sanctuary, and a better life.

HoofsnHorns Farm Sanctuary is one of the few rescues in Tucson that takes in cows, pigs, and goats. Their most recent rescue is Anabel, a baby goat who was saved at barely 24 hours old. Spunky and playful, Anabel brings life to the sanctuary as she prances through the paths at top speed, performing jumps and kicks along the way. Every one of the other sanctuary residents watch Anabel with curiosity, but she does not let the attention make her nervous! Anabel, like many of the residents, has access to endless toys and structures, and she quickly conquers one of the most fun creations: the "Roller Goatster!"



3-week old Anabel on the Roller Goatster

Shelby provides plenty of space and activities for each of the rescues. Two colorful Macaws have their own outdoor enclosure, with indoor access to get human interaction. Bonnie, the blind cow, has her own pen where she can roam around without worrying about bumping into anyone. Shelby separates the intact male goats from the general goat population, preventing more unexpected births, and calls their special zone "the Frat House." There's a separate space where Potbelly pigs happily roam and squeal while eating their hay. There is even a full-sized pig, a testament to the HoofsnHorns mission to provide sanctuary and care to any animal in need.

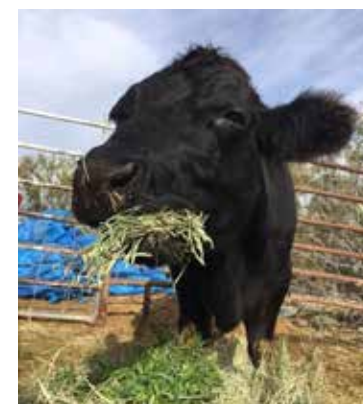


Shelby Brawley

In the back, against an indoor shelter with an overhead heating lamp, Shelby keeps the special needs animals. She provides attentive end-of-life care to some of her rescues, as well as special food and medicine to those with medical needs. There's a chicken house with its

own Great Pyrenees protector, and at least five rescued feral cats who keep the mouse population under control. Kia and Nia, the sanctuary's main greeters, perform the important job of protection and patrol; their hulking size and impressive instincts keep out coyotes, snakes, and even bobcats!

One of the most admirable things about HoofsnHorns Farm Sanctuary, in addition to their individualized knowledge about each rescue's story, is their creativity. When visiting the sanctuary, it is clear that every possible tool and housing structure is used. There are fences supported by rope, wires, boards, and extra fence to ensure some of the more adamant escape artists are safely contained. Hand-painted signs around the sanctuary give it a rustic feel, and there are areas with extra materials awaiting use to fix future problems. The sanctuary has a great relationship with the surrounding community and with other rescues throughout Tucson and Phoenix, each contributing materials, supplies, and extra space when sudden needs arise.



Bonnie the Blind Cow

Last year, HoofsnHorns participated in Arizona Gives Day, and received a generous donation for new, stable fencing around their corrals. The sanctuary has worked hard to put up this fencing. They are grateful for the substantial security and relief the sturdier fencing provides all the animals. This year, HoofsnHorns is reaching out to the community for help with an even more vital project: a new barn for the rescues. Winter temperatures cause the goats and sheep to huddle together in piles, and hot summer temperatures make it impossible for them to enjoy moving around. HoofsnHorns would like to provide a shelter from the extreme heat and cold. The barn would provide rescues like Anabel with even more safety and security.

Please vote for HoofsnHorns to receive their barn for Arizona Gives Day 2019, and make difference for this incredible sanctuary!

There are many rescues that work with dogs and cats in Tucson, but very few that step outside the norm and build a forever home for some of the community's needier animals. People may forget to think about what happens to goats like Anabel when their mothers cannot provide them with proper milk, or Potbelly Pigs who are too spunky to be house pigs. HoofsnHorns provides them with a life and a home, and caretakers who give each rescue their entire heart. The rescue survives off of donations, without any sponsors. HoofsnHorns needs extra support to purchase hay and feed bags.



Austin and Smokey

Email hoofsnhornsfarm@gmail.com to set up a visit to the sanctuary, and consider volunteering or donating to help HoofsnHorns rescue even more animals in need.



IN THE BARN

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ARIANA I was found wandering in the desert, abandoned, starved, thirsty, and all alone. The Arizona Department of Livestock picked me up and then called Equine Voices. Of course, they agreed to take me in. They say I am a great addition to the herd. I sure have come a long way since arriving here on November 11, 2014. Equine Voices Rescue & Sanctuary 520-398-2814 www.equinevoices.org

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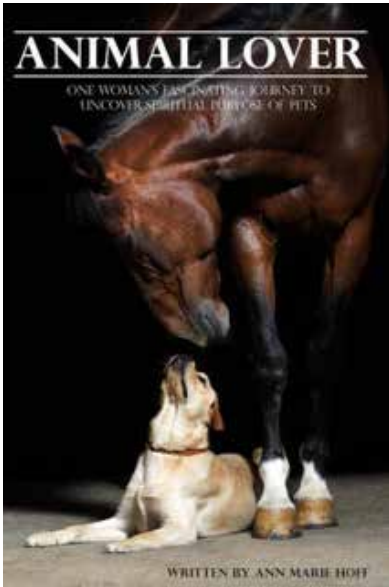


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Book Review



Animal Lover

Author: Ann Marie Hoff

Reviewed by Bella Wexler

We all love our pets. But it takes a special connection to truly listen to them. In Anne Marie Hoff's *Animal Lover*, readers are led down the author's own path of self discovery towards harnessing her intuitive abilities to improve communication between pets and their people in our community.

Hoff begins her book by guiding the audience through her early life on a family-owned farm in Illinois. Surrounded by animals and a religious family growing up molded Ann in significant ways. With utter transparency, the author gives insight into familial struggles between herself and her father, plus her successes and mistakes growing up. This open description of her childhood sets the scene for the refreshing candor with which she writes.

The majority of Hoff's book consists of short anecdotes from her many experiences with animal communication. Regardless of one's beliefs regarding animal psychics, these stories provide excellent advice to all pet owners. For instance, she explains ways to prevent accidents on the carpet, actions to take to stop pets from becoming lost, and the importance of spaying and neutering pets. Hoff's writing has an educational appeal to people on all levels of the belief spectrum.

It is rare that people get a chance to learn about the way others think. Hoff opens a door to her own mind for readers as she describes the ways in which she receives information from the pets with whom she engages. Through her accounts, we are reminded of the many diverse perspectives that exist around us, and the importance of effective communication.

Hoff explores fascinating instances of pet reincarnation, and methods of coping with grief after the death of a pet. Animals act as our moral compasses, the connective forces in our lives. Hoff goes so far as to state that pets connect us to spiritual realms through their angelic dispositions. She describes ways that our emotions can be projected onto animals because they are such empathetic creatures. By showing us how animals connect us to deeper sides of ourselves, Hoff's story bonds us closer to our four legged friends.

In the end, *Animal Lover* by Ann Marie Hoff lives up to its goal and goes the extra mile. "If you can communicate just one idea, see your fur kid in a new light; or appreciate them more, then the effort has been worthwhile" (Hoff 216). After reading this book, one can never look at his or her pets the same way again. Hoff's words inspire us to attribute another layer of respect to our animals and the relationships they have helped us cultivate. Needless to say, "worthwhile" barely grazes the surface of this book.



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By Claire Sheridan

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At the first annual Tucson Homeless Pet Connect animal and human service groups came to help those in need. Cody's Friends Charity, No Kill Pima County, Pima Animal Care Center (PACC), Primavera Foundation, Sister Jose Women's Center, Friends of PACC, and others provided services and items such as food, leashes, collars, microchips, and vaccines to homeless members of our community and their pets. For information on how you can help, please visit: www.codysfriendscharity.org or www.friendsofpacc.org



Event attendee
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December 2018 marked the expansion of federal protections for victims of domestic violence and their pets under the Pets & Women Safety (PAWS) Act. Passed into legislation as part of a Farm Bill, the expansion will include federal grant monies earmarked for helping domestic violence victims find safe harbor for their pets when leaving an abusive situation. Additionally, the expansion has added language to the definition of stalking, making threat to a pet part of the legal definition. For more coverage on domestic violence and pets, see the November/December 2018 issue of Tucson Dog Magazine on our website: www.thetucsondog.com. For local assistance with domestic violence, contact the EMERGE Center's 24-hour hotline at: 520-795-4266 or 888-428-0101



Pima Animal Care Center isn't just in the business of preserving life; the caring and dedicated staff is attuned to the needs of the animals in their care. They are always on the lookout for ways to improve the quality of these animals' lives. A sad story with a heartwarming ending illustrates this well: Three dogs were brought to PACC when their owner died. PACC staff noticed that the dogs became highly stressed when separated from each other. They were totally bonded. Fortunately, PACC



Three dogs will stay together
photo courtesy of Kristen Auerbach PACC

found them the perfect family who had just lost their pack of three dogs to old age. The bonded pups have found their new forever home, together, thanks to the love of PACC staff.

After 10 months of intensive training, the Pima County Sheriff's Department and trainer Jeremy Brown of The

Complete Canine are pleased by the official certification of canine Officer Luke. This pup has become the first-ever registered therapy dog to work in a corrections facility, as part of the recently developed Corrections Pet Assisted Stress Unit, where he will be working with his sister, Officer Leia. Luke is the second registered therapy dog for the Pima County Sheriff's Department; the other dog, Deputy Leo, is part of the Sheriff's Department's Crisis Canine Response Team. For more about the canine component of the Pima County Sheriff's Department, check them out on Facebook, and be sure to read the Tucson Dog's coverage, Dogs in Blue: The K9 Beat; Paw Patrol in the January/February 2019 issue, which you can find on our website: www.thetucsondog.com.



Officer Luke poses with his handler, Corrections Officer John Dickinson

Have you ever wanted the company of a dog without the long-term commitment? Pima Animal Care Center's new Rent-A-Dog program allows folks in the community to do just that. The newly established Day Trip & Pawjama Party program, which "costs only love" to rent a dog, allows folks to choose their temporary canine companion from a group of pre-screened dogs. Giving dogs a reprieve from the shelter and providing humans the canine companionship they crave, the program is a win-win. Be prepared to show photo identification and complete several foster forms with the PACC staff to determine suitability. Congrats to PACC for its many successes in 2018. Here's to another bright year in 2019!

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